Washington - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez issued the following statement today after the House of Representatives passed the Employee Free Choice Act (HR 800) by a vote of 241-185.

"I am proud that this Congress acted to help working families - who had been ignored in Washington for too long - by passing the Employee Free Choice Act," said Congresswoman Sánchez, a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor.

"This act will protect the rights of workers to join with their colleagues in bargaining for better salaries and benefits. It's about protecting the right to form unions, which have been critically important to helping working families reach the middle class."